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Word from Las Vegas: Pacquiao, Hatton fight 'done deal'

Receipt for P41.75 nets P1M for homemaker

By DJ Yap

IT PAYS TO ASK FOR AN OFFICIAL RE-ceipt.

A 30-year-old homemaker from Mandaluyong City did just that and bagged a cool P1 million.

Magdalena Larosa bought a ballpoint

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Hangover? Take two eels and call me in the morning

PARIS—THE FRENCH call it "la gueule de bois," or wooden mouth. For Germans, it's "Kater," or a tomcat. Japanese know it as "futsukayoi," or "two-days drunk."

But whatever the

HANGOVER/A10



Loren: No Erap team-up

'If I will run, it will be for No. 1'

By Christine O. Avendaño and Christian V. Esguerra

JOSEPH "ERAP" ESTRADA may be thinking of seeking his old post in 2010, but don't expect Sen. Loren Legarda in tandem with him.

The senator—by Estrada's reckoning his likely running mate if and when he decides to make a go of it—yesterday said she would announce her political plans at around the time of her birthday next month. But she made it clear that if she does run in 2010, it will only be for No. 1.

Speaking over dzBB radio, Legarda reiterated her earlier declarations that it was the presidency or bust.

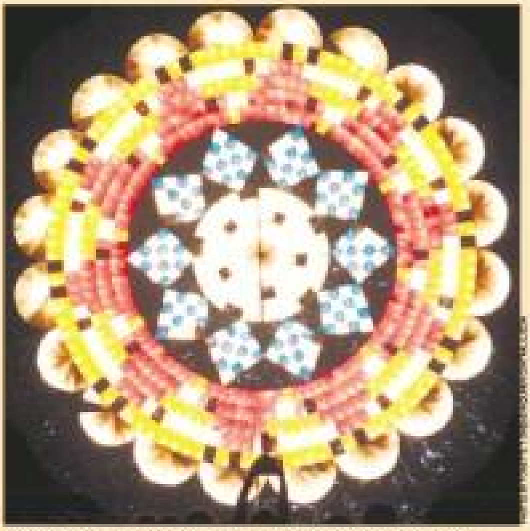
"If I will run, I will run for the top post because my vision and platform for the country are anchored on good governance, transparency, accountability and sustainable development," the senator said.

"I cannot do this if I will run for vice president. I can only do this if I run for the top post," she said.

In Malacañang, President Macapagal-Arroyo's political adviser said her deposed predecessor was not in any position to run for the presidency.

"He and his legal advisers know only too well the posses-

LOREN/A4



BIG WINNER As tall as a two-story building, this lantern produced by craftsmen from Barangay Telabastagan in San Fernando City was adjudged the most beautiful in Pampanga's Giant Lantern Festival.

Simple folks, giant lanterns

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—True to the giant lantern-making tradition in this city 100 years ago, the man who designed and led the construction of the piece that won top honors in the festival's centennial on Saturday was no college degree holder.

If the pioneer, Francisco Estanislao, peddled salt, Giant Lantern Festival 2008 winner Arnel Flores, 38, a high school graduate from Sta. Lucia, sells bread for a living.

It was in the same village where the late Estanislao made the first big lantern, 3.048 meters (10 feet) in diameter, in 1908.

Following custom, the educational backgrounds of the craftsmen were not an-

SIMPLE/A6



ANOTHER face of the winner.

CARP advocates pin hopes on SC; leftist solons clash

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL in the battle for agrarian reform that ironically has left peasant representatives in Congress in disarray.

Christian Monsod, lawyer for the farmers' group Task Force Mapalad, urged farmers to continue the fight as Church leaders and the urban poor were one in their support for genuine land reform.

Monsod, a former Commission on Elections chair, is optimistic that the Supreme Court will declare as unconstitutional the six-month extension by Congress of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) without compulsory land acquisition.

"We think the joint resolution is not consistent with the law and Constitution which state that all agricultural lands are covered, which mean compulsory and not voluntary distribution or sale," he said.

"If the Supreme Court says this is illegal, we will go back to RA 6657. Which will leave us with the problem of funding and that is also in the hands of the President if she will decide to augment funding for the CARP," he said.

"We cannot give up hope, because if we give up hope, there is not much future in this country. This could be a death blow to agrarian reform but this issue will be the main focus of battle in the next six months against landlords who have resisted this," Monsod said.

"This is not agrarian reform when land reform is at the op-

CARP/A6

Revenge of the landlords in land reform resolution

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

IT WAS A DAY OF INFAMY IN the tortured saga of agrarian reform in this country.

On Wednesday, the Senate and the House of Representatives passed Joint Resolution No. 19 extending the 20-year-old Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) for six months after it expires at the end of 2008.

After that grace period, the fate of CARP is uncertain—either it will be dismantled or it will give way to new legislation correcting its flaws.

What's certain is that the resolution has already emasculated CARP by explicitly excluding the compulsory acquisition of lands, described by Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman as the "heart and soul" of land reform—so far the most fundamental social reform legislation ever undertaken by any administration since President Diosdado Macapagal in 1963 in a country with a long history of agrarian unrest and rebellion.

The joint resolution broke ill for CARP. It unveiled the resurgence of landlord power lurking inside Congress, with knives sharpened to mangle any attempt to improve the implementation of CARP with new

REVENGE/A6

New uniforms, combat boots for Marines

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE Christmas wish of Marines in Basilan for new uniforms and combat boots will come true only if they undergo a series of retraining activities, according to the highest ranking military commander in Western Mindanao.

The statement on Saturday of Lt. Gen. Nelson Allaga contradicted those of Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro and the Marine commandant, Lt. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, that the Marines in Basilan would immediately get their wish.

On Dec. 13, the Marines showed reporters their tattered uniforms and worn-out boots and said all they wished was to be given new ones because they know that going home for Christmas would be impossible with the heightened offensives against the Abu Sayyaf bandits in the province.

In response, Teodoro and Dolorfino said at least P36 million had been set aside to buy uniforms and combat boots for Marine units nationwide.

Commodore Alexander Pama, commander of the naval forces in Western Mindanao, pointed

NEW UNIFORMS/A10

Crisis puts squeeze on Koreans in RP



CRISIS or not, the Koreans are still the top foreign visitors of the world-famous Boracay island resort.

FOR YEARS, SOUTH KOREANS HAVE flooded into the Philippines, finding it one of the cheapest places in Southeast Asia for recreation, study and investment.

From Baguio City in the north of this sprawling archipelago to Davao in the south and all major cities in between, distinctive communities have risen with Korean restaurants, grocery stores, beauty parlors, hotels, resorts and bars.

Even Korean television dramas have become popular among Filipinos, after being dubbed in the local language.

An estimated 75,000 Koreans now study in the Philippines, mainly learning English. It has also become a popular destination for retirees seeking year-round warm weather, cheap golf

CRISIS/A10

Amputees join Manila 'walkathon'

By Charles E. Buban

"AND THE LAME SHALL WALK again . . ."

As this biblical passage has promised, the indigents who took part in the 1st National Prosthesis Walkathon on Friday were blessed to walk again even if one or both of their legs were no longer those they were born with.

"I think the most challenging thing was to finally get off the crutches and be able to walk normally again," said 17-year-old Pamela Erika Pascua, who lost her right leg to cancer.

Pascua was one of the 40 amputee-beneficiaries who participated in the morning walk at

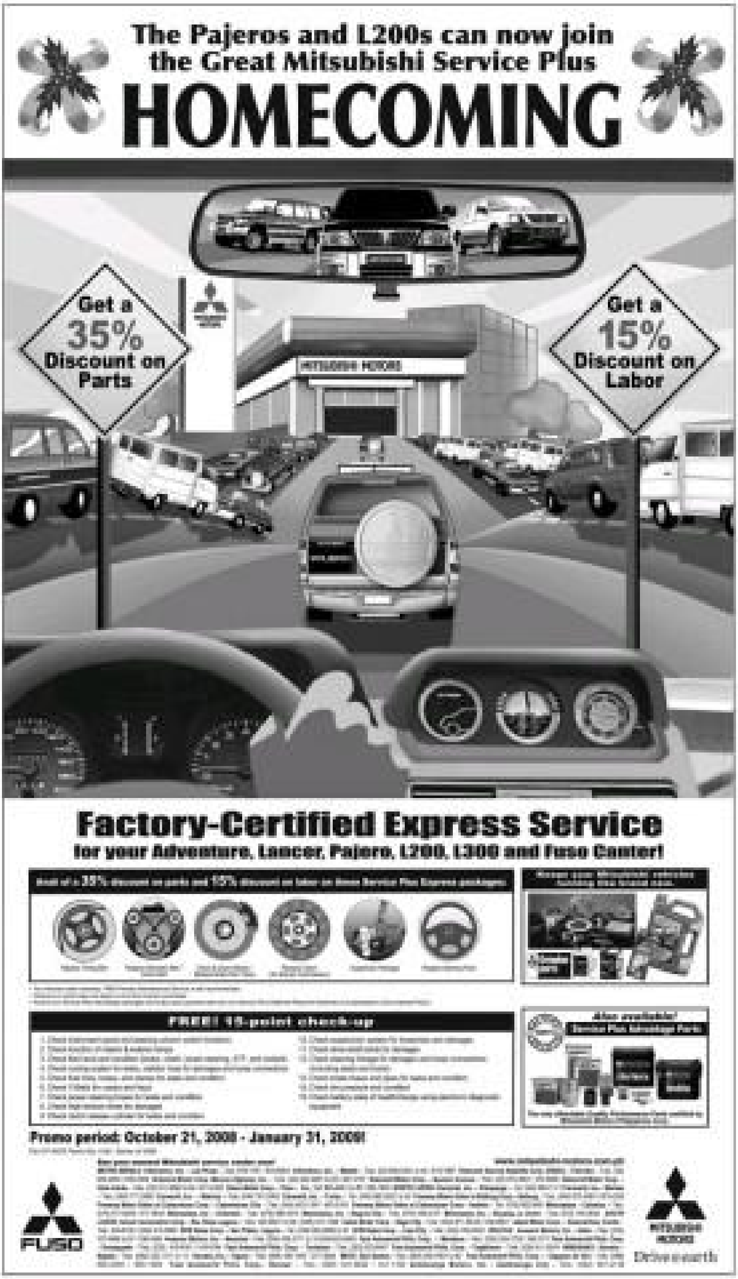
AMPUTEES/A10



WALKING TALL Pamela Erika Pascua is now ready to part with her crutch.

Second FRONT PAGE

OFWs thrive in Lebanon, but...



Recruiters say lifting of ban will legalize Pinoys

By [illegible]

FILIPINO DOMESTIC HELPERS in Lebanon who refused to leave during the 2006 conflict between Israel and Hezbollah are now "freelance" migrant workers, no longer working in households but at restaurant jobs in Beirut, the capital, and other big cities in the Eastern Mediterranean state.

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GMA keeps ban

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Twice the pay

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SC ruling on Manila Bay to make MMDA stronger, says Bayani

Coordinated effort

Treat waste water

EU gives $3.4 M for Mindanao evacuees

Revelry also hard on kids' lungs

By Dona Pazzibugan

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P102-M CONTRACT QUESTIONED

SC orders trial of Cebu gov

By Dona Pazzibugan

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GARCIA

Questions for the court

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Simple folks create giant lanterns in Pampanga

Lanterns, brass band

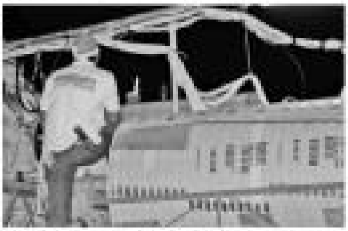


REPLICAS OF STAR OF BETHLEHEM



Goose bumps







Receipt for ₱41.75 nets ₱1M for homemaker

Cool and casual

Secret to prosperity

How to join

DISTRESS IN KUWAIT

Funds sought for stranded Pinoys

By Jerome Aning

Unified guidelines

No job layoffs yet in Korea, says Owwa

By Kristine L. Alave

RP ship captain slain in Nigeria

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LEGARDA

Thanks but...

Moving forward

What Erap wants

'Unifying factor'

Kaya Natin! leaders go for CARP extension

CARP advocates pin hopes on high court

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AFTER staging a hunger strike in front of the House of Representatives to press for the immediate passage of a law extending the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, these farmers are now bringing their case to the Supreme Court.

Leftists squabble

Swift court battle

Charade

Revenge of the landlords in land reform resolution

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'A slow kill'

'It's dead'

Justice by violence

Daughter reverses father



CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS

US Ambassador Kristie Kenney comes, joins a group of street children from Tondo during yesterday's Christmas gift giving ceremony Sunday Dec. 21, 2008 at the Mabini Pavilion next to the US Embassy on Roxas Boulevard. Also attended by Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, "Pasko Para Sa Batang Pinoy" is an annual event.

AFP turns 73 today, owns up to shortcomings

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) turns 73 today with an admission that there are certain things it cannot provide its troops. But the military top brass said there is a silver lining despite its shortcomings.

Five powerful business groups have come together and pledged their resources and expertise to help the AFP fill the gaps in providing better benefits to its soldiers and kin, which included homes to call their own, extra schooling to perk up their business sense and scholarships to their children.

Signing several memorandums of agreement and deeds of donation during the pivotal meeting of the AFP-Business partnership on Wednesday were the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP), Bishops-Businessmen's Conference for Human Development (BBC),

The Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (Finex), Makati Business Club (MBC) and Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).

The activity was in line with the AFP's 73rd founding anniversary, which will be marked today with the traditional parade of troops and simple awarding ceremonies at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City.

'Realities of retirement'

"There are things the AFP cannot provide to its troops but our soldiers in the frontline will be more inspired to carry out their duties knowing that the AFP has now new partners looking after not only their welfare but their loved ones as well," said Lt. Gen. Rodrigo Maclang, AFP deputy chief of staff.

To prepare soldiers to the "realities of retirement," as what AFP Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Cardozo Luna had put it, the PCCI has begun offering business seminars to AFP personnel and their dependents to provide them the know-how to jumpstart their own businesses afterwards.

More than 300 management and finance books were also donated to the library of the AFP Command and General Staff College, where training materials and courses for the AFP are developed.

So far, 12 children whose fathers were killed in combat operations against the renegade members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front have been provided scholarships courtesy of MAP.

"This is a big help to the AFP because the economic life of a soldier is really hard up and the support of these business groups will fill the gaps that is very much needed by our soldiers to support their families," Luna said reporters in an interview.

Big gab

The AFP, he said, has a "big gap" in providing good housing for its soldiers, as well as education and business opportunities for poor and retiring soldiers and their dependents.

Chief finance officers and chief executive officers of giant corporations have agreed to sit down for a series of forums early next year to start defining the requirements and procedures for the low cost housing project for the soldiers, Finex Executive Vice President Roberto Borromeo said.

"In the first half of the year, we will organize a forum involving all sectors concerned in property development to identify the housing needs of the AFP," Borromeo said in an interview.

The housing project aims to provide decent homes to soldiers in and outside military camps and to families of soldiers killed in combat, he said.

Crisis puts squeeze on Koreans in RP

Big projects on hold

Shrinking arrivals

New uniforms, combat boots for Marines



NEW and old military combat boots are shown during a Senate hearing.

Long overdue

Hangover? Take two eels and call me in the morning

Proposed fixes

Trials of cures

Some symptoms ease

Intriguing question

Amputees join Manila 'walkathon'



LOURDES Lanbunan tries a special wheelchair she received from the PGH Prosthetic Service.

Fortunate

More access

Wheelchair

Rail trolleys move the poor, but they will soon be gone

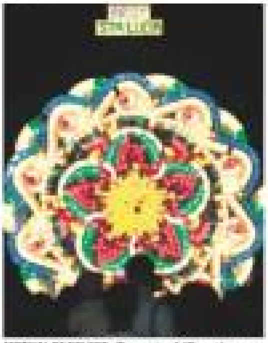


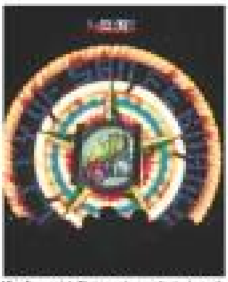
CHEAP RIDE With brute strength, trolley operator pushes passengers to their destination.

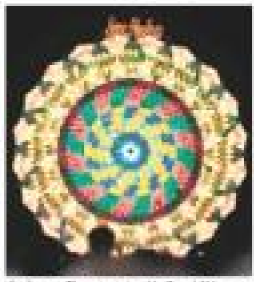




San Fernando's Ligligan Parul: 100









FESTIVAL OF COLORS

Banner Year for the Korean Carmaker

KIA IS FASTEST GROWING BRAND IN 2008

2008 may well go down in the annals of the local auto industry as the year the Koreans soulled the Japanese and American brands that reign supreme over the Philippine car market for decades. For unmindful of the financial disaster that befell Wall Street and the subsequent shockwaves that caused big and small economies alike to tumble and run for cover, Kia in the Philippines has defiantly scaled to its 11-month steady ascent as the top-of-mind brand among the car-buying public.

Columbian Autocar Corporation (CAC), distributor of Kia in the Philippines, reported a convincing 62.1% sales growth in the last eleven months, the highest in the industry and held fast to its claim to being the fastest growing automotive brand in the country. With December sales peaking, Kia is confident it is well on its way to closing its books in the black.

Figures released by CAC showed that Kia vehicle sales grew on the average by 62.1% based on comparative 2007 vs. 2008 year-to-date figures, as gleaned from the latest Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Phils., Inc. (CAMPI) report. Kia was followed by Nissan which posted a 32.9% growth and Hyundai at 27.9%, rounding off the top three. PGA Cars was fourth spot at 22.1%, followed by GM at 21.3%, Mitsubishi Motors at 19.8%, followed by Suzuki at 12.1%, Toyota at 5.4%, Ford at 4.8%, Isuzu at 4.6% and Mazda at 1.4%.

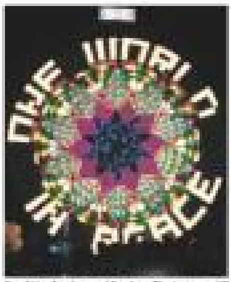
Felix J. Mabilog, Jr., CAC President and Chief Operating Officer, attributes Kia's impressive growth to the aggressive sales and marketing efforts it had put on stream and its expanded Kia dealership network, which now totals to more than 50 dealers nationwide.

"We owe our growth most especially to our car buying public who have grown mature and intelligent over the years. They now perceive Kia to be a wise and practical choice. They not only get value for money, but good performance and fuel efficiency. This is so true today because of the unstable economic climate that makes consumers wary of fuel price fluctuations," Mabilog says.

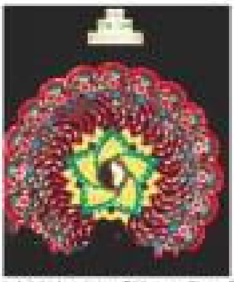
Kia's sales performance in the first 11 months of the year reflects the local auto industry's upbeat outlook despite the U.S. recession and the bleak prognosis of the world economy. January to November figures show growth was posted at 8.3%, with commercial vehicles at a 7.1 percent growth in total vehicle sales. Passenger car sales held its own with a 10.43 percent increase in sales.



years of Christmas lantern-making









Confirming that Kia is the top-of-mind brand in the country, the Kia Carens only recently ran away with the much-coveted Automobile of the Year Award in the Petron 2008 Auto Focus People's Choice Awards.

The Kia Carens, fresh from this year's pick by the Car Awards Group, Inc., as Compact Van & MPV Car of the Year (COTY), also emerged as People's Choice Minivan while the Picanto was voted Sedan Sub Compact. The Kia Sorento was runner-up in the Mid-size SUV and the Carnival was also runner-up in the Full-size Van category.

At the Car Awards Group, Inc. (CAGI) annual selection in November, the Kia Picanto M/T DLX bagged the Basic Sub-Compact Car of the Year award; the Kia Carens EX A/T CRDi VGT as the Compact Van and MPV of the Year; and the Kia Carnival EX A/T CRDi Long Wheelbase as the Luxury Van and MPV of the Year.

The award for the Kia Picanto in the Sub-Compact category is its third from COTY, having won the same recognition in 2006 and 2007. For the Kia Carens, it was its second straight, having won the same award in 2007. The Luxury Van and MPV of the Year Award was the first for the Carnival AT EX Long Wheel Base but the second just the same for the Carnival model because its LX CRDi Short Wheel Base variant was the Executive Van and MPV of the Year in 2007.

CAC distributes and markets locally the Kia, Sorento, Carnival, Sportage, Carens, Rio, Picanto and K2700.

AS OF OCTOBER 2008 INDUSTRY SALES REVIEW

Summary

No.	Per Brand Ranking	2007 OCT YTD	2008 OCT YTD	% Grwt
1	KIA	2,323	3,787	63.0
2	Nissan	4,669	5,939	27.2
3	Hyundai	6,627	9,570	44.4
4	GM	1,687	2,100	24.5
5	Mitsubishi	12,108	14,008	15.7
6	Audi	164	194	18.3
7	Suzuki	1,918	2,202	14.8
8	Isuzu	7,900	8,453	7.0
9	Mazda	1,641	1,749	6.6
10	Toyota	35,825	37,980	6.0
11	Ford	4,486	4,708	5.0
12	Volvo	228	220	-3.5
13	Honda	14,631	12,462	-14.8
14	BMW	706	547	-22.5

AS OF NOVEMBER 2008 INDUSTRY SALES REVIEW

Summary

No.	Per Brand Ranking	2007 NOV YTD	2008 NOV YTD	% Grwt
1	KIA	2,526	4,099	62.1
2	Nissan	5,367	7,152	33.3
3	Hyundai	7,432	9,502	27.9
4	PGA Cars	172	210	22.1
5	GM	1,856	2,248	21.1
6	MMP	13,367	15,882	18.8
7	Suzuki	2,143	2,403	12.1
8	TMP	43,947	47,207	7.4
9	FORD	4,921	5,161	4.8
10	Isuzu	8,728	9,128	4.6
11	Mazda	1,853	1,879	1.4
12	Volvo	245	232	-5.3
13	BMW	757	596	-21.3

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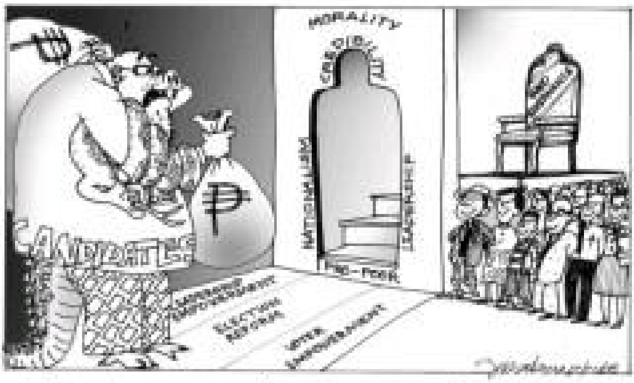
Claim the vote

THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW MOVEMENT FOR Good Governance is both welcome and necessary, not least because it helps focus public attention on the 2010 elections. At a time when the ruling coalition is exploring every avenue for staying in power beyond 2010, the coalition of NGOs behind the movement will bring additional pressure to bear on the Arroyo administration to stick to the original election schedule.

EDITORIAL

But ensuring that the May 2010 elections will push through as scheduled is only half the battle; the other half is a national contest to decide who should serve as the country's next set of leaders.

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Malaysian group still trying to evade P500-M tax

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

[illegible]

Sock and awe

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

[illegible]

A cry for help to deaf ears

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.



Vindication for a soldier

REVEILLE

Rigoberto D. Tiglao



By the side of the road in Tondo

COMMENTARY

Denis Murphy

If they had regular water, they would pay about P4 instead of P30 for the 200 liters they now buy, a savings of about P780 a month—raising their family food budgets by 25 percent a day, on average

Accommodating new forces

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



Transparency in JBC decisions



LETTERS

Lost Christmas

Road Board subject to Congress

'Super Commander' runs drug rings

Penalize 'delayed' filing of suits by Ombudsman

Saving human lives should be cops' priority

Another improvised bomb found in Iligan

ILIGAN CITY—POLICE YESTERDAY detonated another improvised explosive device (IED), three days after three people were killed and 46 others were wounded in explosions that ripped through two stores here.

Austere, subdued, park mood keeps with the times



City council declares Davao gov persona non grata

Naga teachers, schools, students reap awards

By Jonas Cabiles Soltes
Inquirer Southern Luzon

NAGA CITY—ASIDE FROM being a consistent topnotcher in regional achievement tests for three consecutive years, the Department of Education's city division has plenty of other reasons to consider 2008 as one of the most successful in its history.

Its teachers earned more recognition awards and its students reaped more academic and extracurricular achievements for school year 2007-08 than in previous years.

The division is headed by Evangeline Palencia, who was chosen one of 2008 Most Outstanding Female Superintendents of the Philippines by the Metrobank Foundation in July.

The foundation also recognized Lyno Padilla, a teacher of the Naga Central School I, as among its Ten Most Outstanding Teachers nationwide in September.

Outstanding facilities

Early this month, a division official, Hermany C. Belen, was selected one of the 13 Outstanding Physical Facilities Coordinators nationwide, "in recognition of his meritorious service and dedicated performance of the planning and engineering functions of the division... his efficient and effective delivery of quality educational facilities for safer and better learning environment."

Jan Franklin Kalaw, a student of the Naga City Science High School (NCSHS), placed third in the International Mathematics Olympiad held in Beijing, China.

[illegible] of the Naga Central School and [illegible] of the NCSHS won in the 2008 National Press Conference held in Cotabato City.

[illegible], a graduate of the [illegible] High School ([illegible]), placed seventh in the board exams for teachers held last year.

Vargas' school was recognized nationwide as the best implementor of the DepEd's Brigada Eskwela project "for generating an exemplary contribution" to its success. It also won second place in the 2007 [illegible] Regional Essay Writing Contest.

One of its students, [illegible], topped the cartoon-making category of a [illegible] competition.

The Mabolo Central School placed first in the "Right to Food" regional poster-making contest sponsored by the Department of Agriculture. The Naga City Special Education Center won third.

Photo contests

The Carolina Elementary School was cited in the National Photojournalism Contest during the National Press Conference held in Baguio City.

In the 2008 Regional Press Conference held in [illegible], the Julian B. Meliton Elementary School and the Carolina Elementary School won in the feature writing and photojournalism categories.

[illegible] High School placed third in the [illegible] category of [illegible] Tagisan ng Talino.

[illegible] of the Sta. Cruz Elementary School and [illegible] Alegre of the Concepcion National High School won in the 6th National EPP Skills and Development Competition held in Davao City.

As for the division's administrative achievements, 10 teachers started receiving salary differentials this year. Funding for the unpaid salaries from 1997 to 2007 was taken from division savings.

Calamity assistance

The DepEd unit also received calamity assistance and rehabilitation efforts.

According to Palencia, [illegible] classrooms damaged by super typhoon "Reming" in 2007 had already been repaired.

Nineteen new school buildings were constructed. A United Nations Children's Fund building was built at the Leon Q. Mercado High School.

Initial funds for the construction of the division's new office on [illegible] Avenue have already been released.

UPLB students hold tuition hike protests before holiday break

LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA—A DAY BEFORE this year's Christmas break officially began, at least 120 students from the University of the Philippines Los Baños joined the annual lantern parade in UP Diliman Wednesday afternoon.

They aimed to voice out their protest against tuition and other fee increases and the new manner of selecting their representative to the Board of Regents (BOR).

The BOR is the highest policy-making body of UP.

[illegible], a UPLB student, said he was scheduled to visit his home in [illegible] Wednesday night for the holidays. But he sees that joining the traditional UP Christmas activity, as it was also the BOR's regular meeting Wednesday.

"We are airing our disapproval of the tuition and other fee increases which were implemented two years ago, during this month," [illegible] said.

[illegible], UPLB University Student Council chair, said that from the traditional selection of the Student Regent to the BOR, which was a vote among elected student councils from UP units, R.A. No. 9500 or the UP Charter of 2008 now subjects the selection to a referendum.

RA 9500 was passed in April this year.

"From the 50,000 population of UP students, this (RA 9500) would require at least 26,000 participation from the students. That's not even the affirmative votes yet," [illegible] said.

She believes it would be harder now for the students to secure representation in the BOR, with the referendum scheduled in January. *[illegible], Inquirer Southern Luzon*



MEMBERS of the Special Action Force defuse another improvised explosive device found by a passerby in a vacant lot along San Miguel and Burgos Streets in Iligan City Sunday. [illegible]

Another bomb . . .

[illegible]

that the "immediate dropping" of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) from the picture could further imperil current efforts to restart the peace negotiations.

Chief Supt. [illegible], Northern Mindanao police director, said experts Friday that bomb experts investigating Thursday's blasts found fragments of [illegible] cell battery and wires from the scene.

[illegible] said it meant that the two bombs were timer-detonated.

The military said bombs planted by groups linked to the MILF in Central Mindanao in recent days were also fitted with timers.

Lt. Gen. [illegible], chief of the Western Mindanao Command, said the similarity drew them to conclude that the rebel group had a hand in the Iligan explosion. *[illegible], Inquirer Mindanao*



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DID YOU KNOW

OF THE 1.75 million overseas Filipino workers who worked abroad between April and September 2007, 18 percent (about 330,000) were from Metro Manila.

SOURCE: INQUIRER RESEARCH

MMDA starts cleanup of Metro rivers

Fernando: Goal is to make river of 'recreational quality' by 2009

By Allison W. Lopez

THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) yesterday said it has begun rehabilitating river systems in Metro Manila, starting with the Marikina River.

The goal, MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando said, would be to make the body of water of "recreational quality" by the end of next year.

Fernando explained that under the program called "One River System at a Time," rivers in Metro Manila would be cleaned up through the installation of sewage treatment plants that would process household and industrial waste.

"We decided to come up with this program to bring back the glory of Metro Manila's river system. We wanted the younger generation of Filipinos to appreciate and enjoy the beauty of our waterways," he said.

The program also calls for the removal of shanties on riverbanks or illegal structures that block the flow of water.

The MMDA said it would intensify its crackdown on illegal settlers following the Supreme Court ruling which ordered it to work with other government agencies in cleaning up Manila Bay.

Fernando said they have started implementing plans to relocate some 75,000 illegal settler families living in the Greater Manila area.

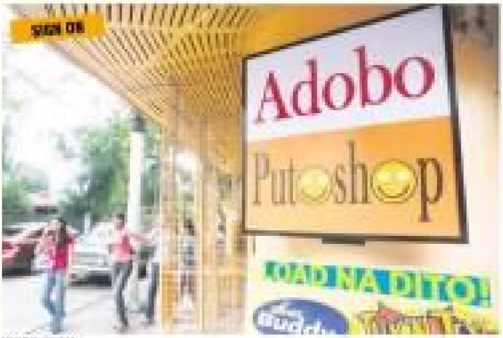
Recently, the MMDA demolished some 1,000 shanties near the San Juan River as part of its flood control efforts, he added.

The rehabilitation of the 11-km Marikina River, according to Fernando who used to be Marikina mayor, was already underway with the help of the local government unit and the private sector.

"We are starting with the Marikina River so that the experience and skills we gained can be used when we do the same thing to the other waterways," he said.

"We will make the Marikina River of recreational quality by December 2009. By that time, 80 percent of Metro Manila's residents will be able to smell and have a taste of clean water. They can go boating and have picnics along the river shore," added Fernando.

The MMDA said the rehabilitation of the nine-kilometer long San Juan River would be next, followed by Pasig River and the Paranaque, Navotas-Malabon-Tenejeros-Tullahan Rivers.



WORD PLAY
A canteen on Maliksi Street in San Juan City, whose name is loosely based on a computer program, specializes in "adobo" and you guessed it, "puto."

Makati giving away goodies, T-shirts to city's senior citizens

By Allison W. Lopez

ASIDE FROM A CASH GIFT, senior citizens residing in Makati City will receive free grocery items and T-shirts as part of the local government's Pamaskong Handog or gift-giving program.

To avail of the freebies, the elderly should present a Pamaskong Handog ticket which are being distributed to BLU cardholders.

Mayor Jejomar Binay said the tickets would be distributed to cardholders in their respective barangay halls or covered courts.

"This is a season of giving and celebration and we would like our constituents, especially Makati's 'senior' and 'senior-itas,' to have additional food on their table as they celebrate Christmas," he added.

Each ticket entitles the bearer to a bag of assorted canned goods and two T-shirts.

Senior citizens working for the city government, meanwhile, received their Pamaskong Handog gifts on Dec. 15.

Makati Social Welfare Department chief Marjorie de Veyra clarified that elderly married couples would be entitled to only one ticket.

According to De Veyra, the city has 3,702 senior couples at the moment.

She added that BLU cardholders who are bedridden, disabled or in the hospital may send their authorized representative, whose name should appear at the back of the beneficiary's BLU card, to claim their goods on their behalf.

They should, however, present an authorization form which they can get from the MSWD office on the fifth floor of Makati City Hall.



HIGH FLIERS
What seems to be black specks silhouetted against a gray sky are actually birds perched on electrical wires in Intramuros, Manila.

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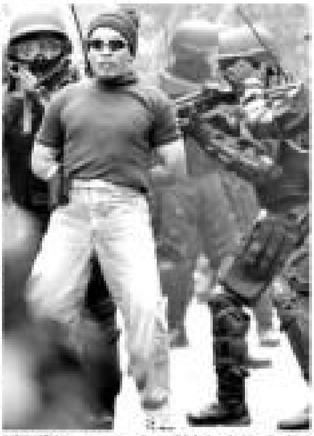
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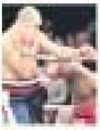
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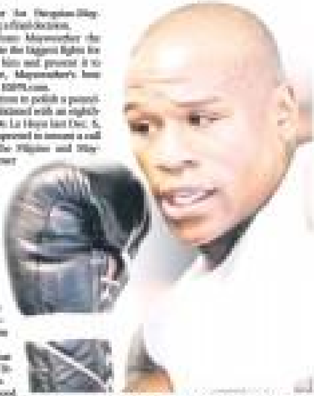
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Pacquiao-Hatton tiff 'in Las Vegas May 2'

By Francis T.J. Ochoa

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MAYWEATHER: I'll beat Pacquiao's [expletive].



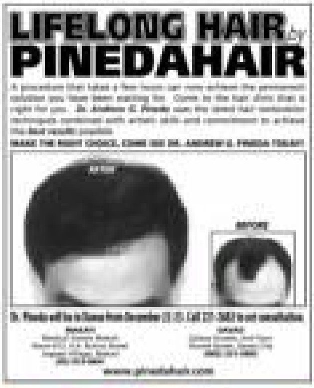
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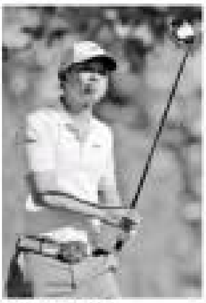


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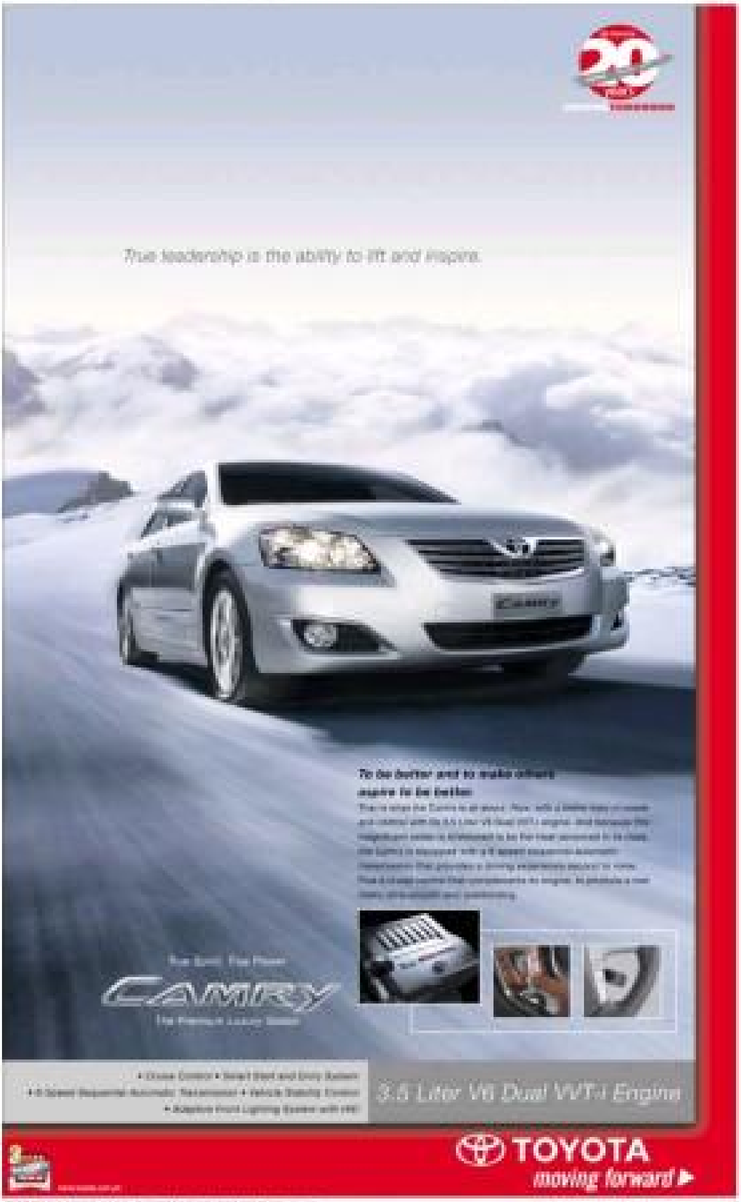
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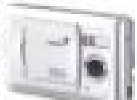
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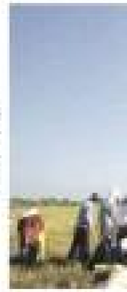
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...pected to grow by 3.45%

₱108B by year's end

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Top personal finance lessons for '08



JOELLE Ona-Horca and son

2008, THE YEAR THAT bashed Wall Street with doubt and fear and caused financial systems across the globe to stop dead in their tracks, is about to come to an end.

It was a year of chaos and confusion.

It was a year when people wondered whether some of what they have long assumed about financial markets were way off the mark after all.

Remember Alan Greenspan?

It was a year when that age-old phrase "the first shall be the last, and the last shall be the first" seemed strangely apt.

Isn't it true that in this crisis, the rich and the greedy are feeling the bigger brunt of the financial meltdown? Yet the ones who

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GLOBE BUSINESS AND TOP CEOs RENEW LINKS

"Our business is like golf. We constantly strive to hit better than par in serving our customers,"

expressed Gil Genio, Head for Globe Business. Globe Business hosted its annual golf tournament last November 22, 2008 for the forces that drive its top clients. Now on its 9th year, the CEO Golf Tournament was held at the Sun Valley Golf in Antipolo City.













Top CEOs from various industries took their "game" out of the usual confines of the corner office and took a swing at some friendlier competition. For their efforts, they were treated to an exciting program filled with freebies, games and a much-anticipated raffle.

There was also a massage room for the players to relax, rejuvenate and "talk shop", plus a golf clinic where players were given tips by golf pros.

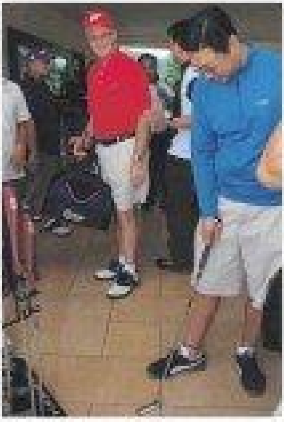
According to Boboy Romero, Enterprise Segments Head, **"Each year we strive to make this event more fun and memorable for our top Clients to show our appreciation for the esteemed relationship we have with each of them. We believe that client relationships do not end in the confines of a meeting room. That is how the game is played here in Globe Business."**















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Valentine's at Christmas

By Karla P. Delgado
Contributor

GALLERIES AND ART Manila has lots of both. So what makes the latest kid on the block, Manila Contemporary different?

"Size, looks, light, setting," said featured Artist Arturo Luz, who designed the 300-sq-m gallery housed at White Space, a converted warehouse at Makati's Pasong Tamo Extension.

"It's the best space that I've ever seen in Manila," said Luz.

With fellow artist and national treasure Anita Magsaysay-Ho, joined by Manila Contemporary owner [illegible], Luz [illegible] on the white floor of the all-white warehouse.

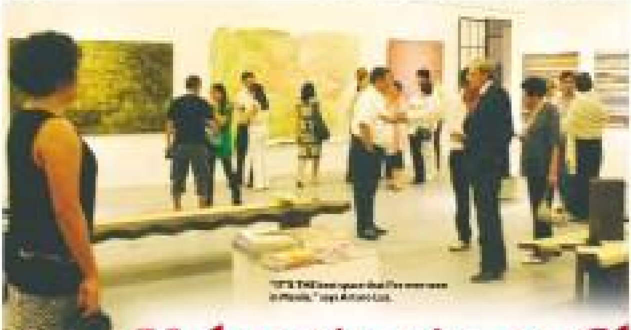
As the lights dimmed, the art-loving [illegible] made their way along a candlelit path which illuminated the way to the works of 58 artists from

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What makes Manila Contemporary by a veteran regional art dealer different?



RAW GALLERY has 300 square meters of art space



"IT'S THE best space that I've ever seen in Manila," says Arturo Luz.



"WHEN you look at our art," says Manila Contemporary's Evelyn Lim Forbes, "it talks volumes."

Valentine's at Christmas

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the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

That evening of Dec. 13 gathered under one roof some of the country's most distinguished and exciting artists whose age range spans more than half a century.

"All I Want For Xmas", the inaugural show of Manila Contemporary, features the works of artists Pacita Abad, Bill de Leon, Jay Ticar, Alfry Aragon, Cris Villanueva Jr., Jerry Araos, Julian Tesera, Arturo Luz, Gus Imbidolo, Elaine Roces, Christina Uy, Junior Bagaoisan, Alvin Villareal, MM Yu, Ricardo Chan, Jonathan Olazo, John Santos, Pope San Pascual, Pedro de Leon, Christina Quisumbing Ramilo, Louie Cordero, Anthony Palomo, Geraldine Javier, Jonathan Ching, Ar Mendiola, Norberto Roldan, Gilda Cordero-Fernando, Valeria Cavestany, Francisco Pellicer Viri and Constantino Zicarelli.

But what distinguished this opening from others in Manila was the cool breeze wafting through the gallery that night. This guest had the distinct feeling that international winds were blowing through the gallery, enlivening all those present, and by extension, the Manila art scene.

Manila Contemporary has sister galleries in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Yogyakarta, all run by veteran art dealer Valentine Willie.

Other regional artists

In "All I Want For Xmas," Willie introduces the work of other contemporary Southeast Asian artists such as Manit Sriwanichpoom, Kalek Sumolo, Sudjat Rusmin, Agus Pamono, Yee I-Lann, J. Ariadhitya Pramuhendra, Dedy Sufriadi, Chong Siew Ying, Popok Tri Wahyudi, Nano Uhero, Jimmy Ong, Nin Nugroho, Agus Suwage, Putu Sutawijaya, Mella Jaarsma, and Heri Dono.

In 2006, Willie curated an exhibit of Southeast Asian contemporary art which traveled all over the region.

What he is doing in Manila Contemporary is more of the same, except now his vast Southeast Asian network has an official home in Manila. In his own words:



"WE ARE going to promote Filipino artists abroad with catalogues," says Valeria Cavestany.



RINGO Bunoan: "It's bringing other Southeast Asian artists to the Philippine scene, and hopefully vice versa."

"There is the Malaysian, the Thai, the Indonesian that you would not otherwise have seen and we're putting them side by side with the Filipinos, not separating them. There are no labels. Visually, you look at the art and you don't think about where it comes from. You just think: Does it resonate with you?"

"When you look at our art," said Willie's local partner, Evelyn Lim Forbes, "it talks volumes. How different we are, yet how much the same we are."

"We can't forget that Valentine Willie was the first one who brought Filipino art and exposed it to other Asian countries," pointed out collector Trickie Lopa.

"We are going to promote Filipino artists abroad with catalogues," said artist Valeria Cavestany, who is Willie's other local partner. "And we are going to bring in other artists from all over the world."

Artists at the opening looked forward to the artistic exchange encouraged by the larger perspective Willie brings to the Philippine art scene.

Regional gallery

"It's a regional gallery so that makes it a notch higher," said artist Ringo Bunoan. "It's bringing other Southeast Asian artists to the Philippine scene, and hopefully vice versa."

"Now this would be a good place for Southeast Asian artists to interact," said artist Louie Cordero. "I can't think of many other Asian dealers who have come to Manila to view the region as a whole, which is so valuable and which to me is the real mark of a global gallery," said artist Anne Pilar.

Guests that evening also marveled at the possibilities provided by the largeness of the space, its depth, breadth and height.

"This is a relief from the Megamall kind of art," declared artist Pacita Abad. "When you see the spaces in Megamall, they are claustrophobic. This space breathes."

Cesar Caballero, a Spanish artist who organizes exhibits of contemporary art and design from Spain, Mexico and the Philippines, was taken by "the luminosity of the space." "You give importance to the art in a space like this," he said. "It's ginormous!" said collector Ross Ocio. "It allows for installation art and performance art."

"It allows a lot of artists to create art that they would otherwise not do because there wouldn't be a space appropriate for it," said collector Patrick Reyno.



EVELYN Forbes and fellow art lovers



VALENTINE Willie, Jaime Magsaysay Ho and Arturo Luz scatter white rose petals leading to the gallery.

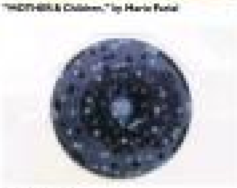
The ever witty Willie put it nicely at the end of the evening. "Space is not difficult to do," he observed, "but filling it is, and in Manila that's not hard because there's so much talent here."

Manila Contemporary is at White Space, 2314 Chino Roces Ave., Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati. "All I Want for Xmas" runs until Jan. 10, 2009. Visit www.manilacontemporary.com.

'Jubilo' at Raphael



"MOTHER & Children," by Mario Parial



BY NENA Saguil



"WHITE Temples," by Arturo Luz

GALERIE RAPHAEL IS HOLDING "Jubilo," featuring the works of modern masters Arturo Luz, Federico Aguilar Alcuaz, Nena Saguil, Jose Joya and H.R. Ocampo.

The exhibit, which runs until Dec. 31, also includes pieces by recognized senior artists Lydia Velasco, Mario Parial and Romulo Rubio.

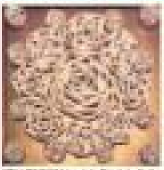
"A piece by one of the country's most established artists is not only functional as a conversation piece or an inspiring image to grace the home or office," said gallery owner Mariluh Alarro.

"It is also a secure investment, as artworks particularly done by masters and senior artists do not depreciate in value. Owning an iconic work by a national artist or a recognized figure in the art scene, whether on canvas or on paper, is something collectors can be proud of. It is not only a good and secure investment, it is something one can enjoy in the comfort of one's abode."

On show are Luz's linear female figures and temples, Saguil's abundant blue circular forms, Ocampo's interlocking abstraction in a warm palette, Parial's dynamic and traditional folk figures, Rubio's simple blooms, Velasco's women and flowers, Rubio's contemporary interpretations of a nostalgic and romantic time gone by, and rare pieces from National Artist Jose Joya and Presidential Medal of Merit awardee Aguilar Alcuaz.

Galerie Raphael is at 2/L, Serendra Mall, Fort Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Call 8563034 or 7229418, visit www.galerieraphael.com.

VISUAL ARTS



"SILVERFIRE Mandala," by Jojo Bollo

Welbart at Art Center

Paseo Arts Gallery presents Welbart's second solo exhibit, Dec. 19 in Art Center, 4/L, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. Call 6343422.



WORK by Tam Mendoza

Bollo, Lazaro at One Workshop

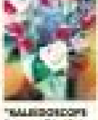
One Workshop Gallery (G/L 2241 La Fuerza Plaza II, Don Chino Roces Ave. and Sabio St., Makati City) presents "Counterpoints," first collaboration of Jojo Bollo and Cathy Lazaro, until Jan. 11. Bollo and Lazaro present a series of adaptable modular parts. The former shows mandala-making and painting; the latter paper-making sculpture. Call 8150094.

Mendoza at Crucible

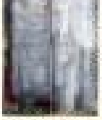
Sofronio Y. Mendoza (more popularly known as the senior artist SYM) presents "New Visions II," an exhibit of his latest works, which runs until Jan. 4 in Crucible Gallery, 4/F, SM Megamall Bldg. A, Mandaluyong. The exhibit provides the dynamic interplay, transparency and juxtaposition of various shapes and forms infused with Philippine images. SYM is the founder of the Dimasalang group of artists. Call 6348080.

Saturday Group at Serendra

Saturday Group artists namely Boy Bueno, Cris Cruz, Boots Cunanan, Cathy Castillo, Anna Dy, Lamy, Fernando Nadres, Ibarra, Raul Isidro, Ruel Sebastian and Mega members present "Holiday Hues," until Dec. 31 in Artist Re-... 2/L, Shops at Serendra, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Call 0917-5228877 or 8568847.



"KALEIDOSCOPE Bouquet," by Cathy



WORK by Gus Albor

Albor at Alliance Française

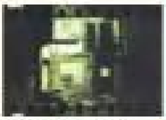
Multi-faceted artist Gus Albor's latest exhibit is "Radiance and Immersion" in Alliance Française de Manila. Adelberta Perez calls the works "a poetry of harmony—an effortless melody that embraces chalk lines like that of nature and technology. More than paintings, they are invitations to grapple with the fruit of space and to discover that in this space there is no such thing as nothing." Exhibit runs until Jan. 10. Call 8957441 or 8957585, e-mail info@alliance.ph or visit www.alliance.ph.

Photo exhibit at BlueWings

"Tag, Silent," a evening and photo exhibit of Albert L. Bueno, Toto Dakila, Mollo, Angel Osario and Albert Sy, features fascinating works in various subject, perspectives and technique. The exhibit runs until Dec. 31 in BlueWings ArtSpace, 2/L, Ralph's deli-café, Unit C 15 Katipunan Ave., Loyola Heights, QC. Call 4363878.



PHOTOS by Albert L. Bueno



"UNTITLED," by Albert Sy



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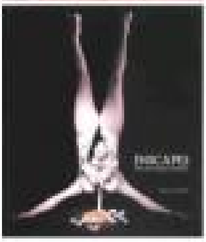
Sculptor Julie Lluch, Book Sale and Vicor founders lead UST Philets awardees



Julie Lluch

Gift ideas from Lopez Museum









"Sunrise" and "Voices" by Fred Ramirez

UP Apo artists at Botong's Up

BOTONG'S UP AND Alpha Phi Omega (Apo) Fraternity present "Apo Art Summit." The exhibit features pieces by seasoned artists and Apo members Edwin Wilwayco, Fred Ramirez, Jose Ibay, Herminiano and Rudy Borja.

Botong's Up Restobar and Art Space is on G/F A Venue Mall, Makati Avenue, Makati City.

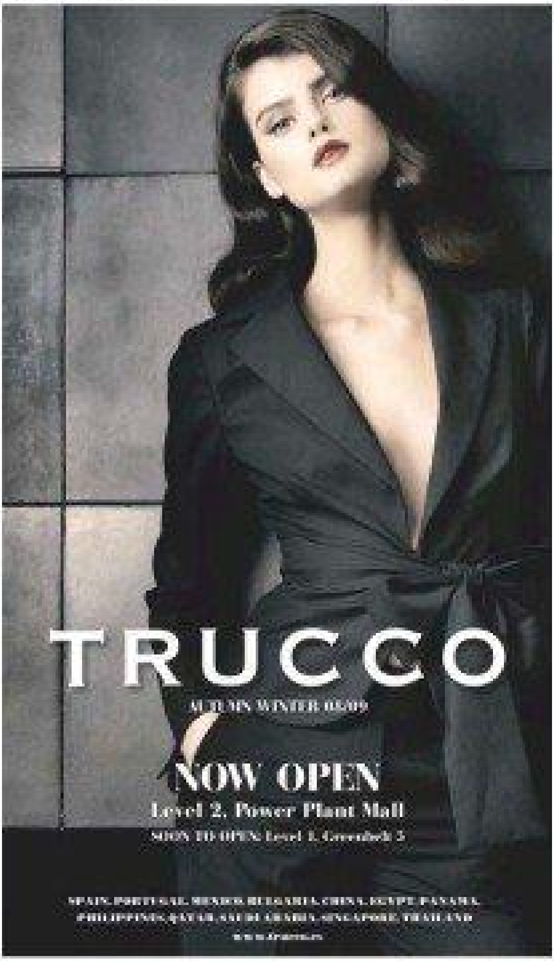
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ABSTRACT by Edwin Wilwayco



BY JOSE Ibay



Cavite museum pays tribute to José Rizal

THE GENEROSO REYES [illegible] Museum at Genesis Business Park in Brgy. Javalera, Gen. Trias, Cavite, will be mainly open during the Christmas holidays, particularly Dec. 30, José Rizal Day.

Pilgrims may combine the visit with a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in front of the business park (featured on PDI front page last Sunday, Dec. 14).

[illegible] has a unique Filipiniana collection of rare photographs, especially of 19th- and 20th-century old Manila and its nostalgic scenes of World War II, and [illegible] like the Battle Against [illegible], Juan Luna and Gregorio del Pilar.

The exhibit [illegible] the most dramatic images [illegible] of the execution of [illegible] GomBurZa.

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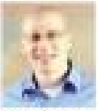
The museum will be open Dec. 26-31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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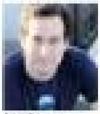
The masterminds behind the '39 Clues'



It's a project like no other—10 books, 10 best-selling authors, collectible cards, a snazzy website—all adding up to an addictive conspiracy and chase. Series director David Levithan and author Gordon Korman clue us in



GORDON Korman



DAVID Levithan

By Ruel S. De Vera

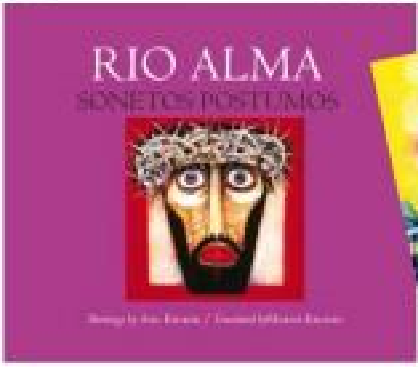


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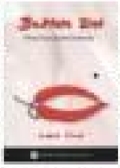
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New gay dictionary out



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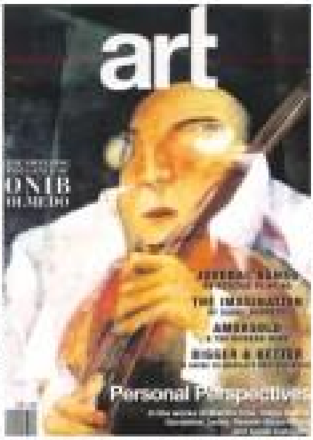




The masterminds ...

Thrill ride

Is there a market for a Philippine visual arts magazine?







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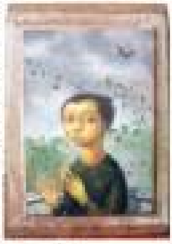
Mark Justiniani's art-on-wood

By [illegible]
Contributor









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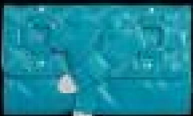
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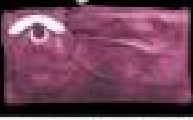
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STYLISH BAGS FOR THE SEASON

Shopping for a bag that will make your look sizzle? Chinese Laundry, the brand of trendy bags worn by Hollywood celebs, is now available locally! From its spacious totes to its classy clutch, you'll never go wrong with its clean lines and polished look. There's also a range of bold colors to choose from. Pick a clutch in hot fuchsia or a tote in yellow. Chic and elegant, a Chinese Laundry bag makes a strong fashion statement, perfect for wowing friends this holiday season.

Chinese Laundry is now available at The Boutique in the Ladies' Wear Section of SM Department Store in Makati, North Edsa, Ortigas, Las Piñas, Pampanga, Cebu, Davao, Mall of Asia, Bacolod, and Marikina.







PEN congress tackles literature currents



UST RECTOR Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, OP (center)



Underground writing



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Marky Cielo comes back to life–onstage

Tanghalang Pilipino and GMA 7 present "Kutsilyo, Pamaypay at Yantok"

TANGHALANG PILIPINO, IN COOPERAtion with the GMA 7 Artist Center, is mounting a trilogy entitled "Kutsilyo, Pamaypay at Yantok."

First presented in 1984 at the University of the Philippines, "Kutsilyo, Pamaypay at Yantok" is composed of three episodes that probe deeper into the characters of Maria Clara, Salome and Sisa, and the men in their lives—Ibarra, Elias and Pedring, respectively.

The three male characters are the roles that the late Marky Cielo dreamt of doing before his untimely death.

The first episode, "Ang Balamo ng Gumamela Ibarra," written by Nick Pichay, parodies the usually dramatic characterization of Maria Clara and Ibarra. Tanghalang Pilipino Actors' Company (TPAC) scholar Tess Gatmaitan plays Maria Clara opposite AC apprentice Jonathan Tadioan as Ibarra. Marky Cielo was rehearsing this role before he passed away.

The second episode, "Kabanata X," written by Chris Millado, is a tender scene between Elias and Salome, to be played by Starstruck survivor Ryza Cenon opposite Mike Tan, another GMA 7 artist. Alternating with them are TP's Anna Dizon and Russell Legaspi.

"Sisa Nazarena," the third and final episode, also written by Chris Millado, is a violent scene that dramatizes the physical and mental torture that Sisa suffers in the hands of her abusive husband, leading to the complete loss of her sanity. TP scholar Kat Castillo and UP Diliman theater arts graduate Meile Romero alternate as Sisa, while TP scholars Chrome Cosio and Riki Benedicto alternate as Pedring.

"Kutsilyo, Pamaypay at Yantok" will be staged under the direction of Tess Jamias at the CCP Tanghalang Huseng Batute from Jan. 13 to Jan. 15, 2009 (Wednesday to Friday), with matinees at 3 p.m. and evening shows at 8 p.m.

An excellent experiential learning material, this trilogy is recommended for high school students studying "Noli Me Tangere" and college students taking up Rizal's life and works, theater arts, humanities, literature, history and other social science courses. Theater enthusiasts will also enjoy these classic-proto studies.

Please call Tanghalang Pilipino at 8323661 or look for Paolo at 0920-9521281 for other information.

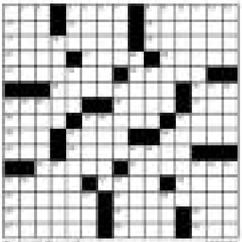


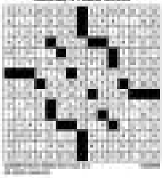
MARKY Cielo





Daily Crossword





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Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

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A feast of Christmas concerts

The spectacular Manila Pen concert was co-produced by Rustan's under Nedy Tantoco

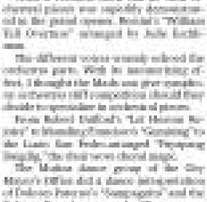


By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

MORE CHRISTMAS CONcerts unfolded during the week, not just in Metro Manila but in the adjacent provinces.

Lobby treat

Standout



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SCIENCE City of Muñoz Mayor Nestor Alvarez with Bangkok Palay Cultural Group, which performed with the Philippine Madrigal Singers in a recent Christmas concert

4th quarter 'report card': Performing arts



CAST of "Mga Gerilya sa Powell Street"

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

BASSOONIST ADOLFO MENDOZA emerged as the star of the evening during the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra's "The Spirit of America" concert at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. He was hailed as "world-class" by visiting American conductor Laura Jackson before he performed as soloist in John Williams' contemporary "The Five Sacred Trees."

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> One of the most significant plays of the year was Tanghalang Pilipino's 'Mga Gerilya sa Powell Street,' directed with élan by Chris Millado

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Brilliant

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Success

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LIFESTYLE Arts/Books

2008 quite a good year for opera

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

The busiest singer of the year was undoubtedly soprano Rachelle Gerodias

THE YEAR 2008 WAS A fairly good year for opera. Two professional productions were mounted at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP): "Die Fledermaus," courtesy of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Conservatory of Music and CCP, and "La Boheme," spearheaded by the Philippine Opera Company under Karla Gutierrez.

Other schools who couldn't afford the CCP venue mounted school productions, such as the "La Traviata" of the University of the Philippines (UP) College of Music with [illegible] Alegria Ferrer as Violetta and her student [illegible] as Alfredo, and other UP productions such as "Hansel and Gretel" and "Don Pasquale."

The busiest singer of the year was undoubtedly Rachelle Gerodias, who did Strauss's "Die Fledermaus" at [illegible], Menotti's "The Telephone" and Mozart's "The Impresario" in Manila. She also sang the role of Liu in Puccini's "Turandot" in [illegible] Singapore to modest acclaim, aside from orchestral concerts in Spain and Czech Republic.

[illegible] Gerodias was also the favorite soloist of the year, appearing in numerous concerts in Manila and abroad. The latest was her guesting in the New Year concert in Sarajevo.

SEE QUITE F3



Photos by Paul Alfonso Quiambao
Contributor

A 15-MINUTE FIREWORKS display heralded the start of the traditional Paskuhan, the campus Christmas celebration of the University of Santo Tomas (UST), last Dec. 19.

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CHRISTMAS F4

2008 quite a good year for opera

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Top orchestra soloist

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She sees art publishing as heritage advocacy

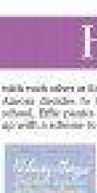


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Holiday reads for kids

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‘Pasalubong’ of books

Ohio scientists and professor Herb W. Ockerman is international book donor who has contributed books to Philippine universities


UST ALUMNI relations head Evelyn Songco, ex-CCP president Baltazar Endriga, and CCP president and artistic director Nestor Jardin


CHRISTMAS Gala Concert reception at the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties Gym

Christmas fireworks light up UST heritage campus


SEMINARIANS of the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties lead the Bethlehem story re-enactment on campus



BANDS at the Paskuhan: Bamboo, Parokya ni Edgar and Join the Club

From page F1

Before the fireworks showcase, UST students, led by seminarians from the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties, re-enacted around the campus the Bethlehem story.

The pyromusical exhibit is usually the most awaited feature of the UST Paskuhan, and this year it did not disappoint, with the display seen from several points of Manila. The sound of [illegible] spilled from the UST football field and reached as far as the Benavides Park, otherwise known among campus old-timers as the "lovers' lane."

The fireworks cast a brilliant spotlight on UST's beautiful heritage campus, particularly the iconic UST Main Building, the first earthquake-proof building in the region, and the UST arch of the Centuries, the portal of the original UST campus in Intramuros.

The heritage structures and other UST artifacts were also brought to light in the UST Christmas Gala Concert last Dec. 4, with Marichu Zobel as cochair of the organizing committee with Fr. Isidro Abano, OP, the UST secretary-general and director of the UST Museum of Arts and Sciences. The concert was supported by [illegible], and the Philippine Daily Inquirer through its president, Sandy Prieto-Romualdez.

"I fell in love with UST," Zobel said to explain why she agreed to embark on helping Asia's oldest university in preserving its heritage buildings and museum holdings. The former model said that her interest in all architecture had convinced her that UST was a showcase of the best in heritage architecture.

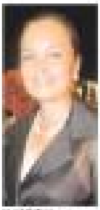
UST rector magnificus Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, OP, welcomed the support extended by Zobel and her group to UST. He said their support would go a long way in preserving the campus, which he said is not only known for its architectural and heritage riches, but also for its order and cleanliness.

De la Rosa added that the help extended by alumni and supporters makes UST on track of celebrating its 400th anniversary in 2011 fittingly.

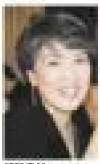
The Paskuhan was capped by a rock concert that featured homegrown UST bands such as Join the Club and Parokya. Top-selling band Bamboo closed the concert.

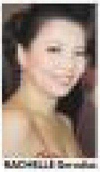

MARICHU Zobel, chair of the UST Christmas Gala Concert




MARGIE Moran-Floirendo

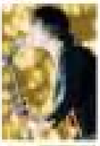

IMELDA Marcos and [illegible] Pascual


IRENE Marcos-Araneta

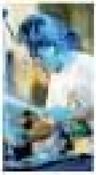

RACHELLE Gerodias


HOMEGROWN UST bands Join the Club and Parokya rock the young Paskuhan crowd.


IRMA Potenciano and dean Raul Sunico, both from the UST Conservatory of Music




JACKIE Ejercito and Beaver Lopez



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Music to RP composers' ears: Royalty payments at last/ H1

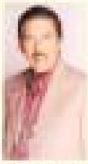


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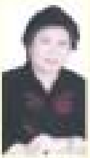


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A double win for director Maryo J. de los Reyes



JINGGOY Estrada and Lorna Tolentino

MARYO J. DE LOS REYES BAGGED THE Best Director trophy twice for his film "A Love Story" at the 26th Luna awards of the Film Academy of the Philippines and the 56th Gabi ng Parangal of the Famas (Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences), held recently at the Manila Hotel.

The movie about a husband-wife-and-mistress triangle with a twist garnered five trophies including Best Picture and Best Director at the Luna awards.

FAP director-general Leo Martinez released the results and announced that the awarding ceremonies will be held in January next year.

The winners in FAP's 12 categories:

- Best Picture—"A Love Story" (Star Cinema)
- Best Director—Maryo J. de los Reyes for "A Love Story"
- Best Actor—Pedro Coutts for "Baned" (Cinegold Productions, Inc.)
- Best Actress—Maricel Soriano for "Bahay Kubo" (Regal Entertainment Inc.)
- Best Supporting Actor—Derek Ramsay for "A Love Story"
- Best Supporting Actress—Angelica Panganiban for "A Love Story"
- Best Screenplay—Vanessa R. Valdez for "A Love Story"
- Best Cinematography—[illegible] de [illegible] for "Sand for Rent" (Sydax Entertainment Works International)
- Best Editing—[illegible] for "Baby" ([illegible] Films)
- Best Production Design—[illegible] for "Baddle" ([illegible] Productions)
- Best Sound—[illegible] for [illegible] (GMA Films/Viva Films)
- Best Musical Score—[illegible] Reyes for "Dalit"



MARYO J. De Los Reyes

Famas winners

Mainstream and independent [illegible] [illegible] the major awards at the Fa[illegible]

Jose Javier Reyes' "Kutob ng Sa[illegible]" won three major awards including [illegible] Picture, Best Actor (Jinggoy Estrada) [illegible] Best Actress (Lorna Tolentino).

"I'm happy I know Rudy (Fernandez) is very happy for us," Tolentino said.

But the Best Director award went to Maryo J. de los Reyes for "A Love Story."

Irma Adlawan won Best Supporting Actress for the Indie film "Sand for R[illegible]" [illegible] won Supporting Actor [illegible] another Indie movie, "Slave of Love."

[illegible] of the Indie film "[illegible]" won Best Child Actor, while [illegible] of the mainstream movie "[illegible]" [illegible] Best Child Actress.

Best Screenplay went to [illegible] for "[illegible]". He also shared the [illegible] Story trophy with Anthony [illegible].

Other winners are:

- Best Editing—[illegible] for "A Love Story"
- Best Cinematography—[illegible] for "[illegible]"
- Best Sound—Albert Michael [illegible] for "A Love Story"
- Best Musical Score—[illegible] "A Love Story"
- Best Theme Song—"[illegible]" "[illegible]"
- Best Art Direction—[illegible] for "Baddle"
- Best Visual Effects—[illegible] Media/Rez, Inc. for "Baddle"
- Best Special Effects—[illegible] for "Baddle"

De los Reyes, who [illegible] third Famas this year, said he[illegible] in Entertainment that he [illegible] mixed feelings about winning [illegible] are inspired and more [illegible] mind this."

He said his latest award[illegible] encourages him to work harder [illegible] be elevated to the Hall of Fa[illegible] Famas, the country's o[illegible] award-giving body.

Reyes meanwhile said he [illegible] "glad that 'Kutob' bagged [illegible] Famas and happier still that [illegible] lead stars Estrada and Tolen[illegible] were recognized as well."

Bayani San Dieg[illegible]

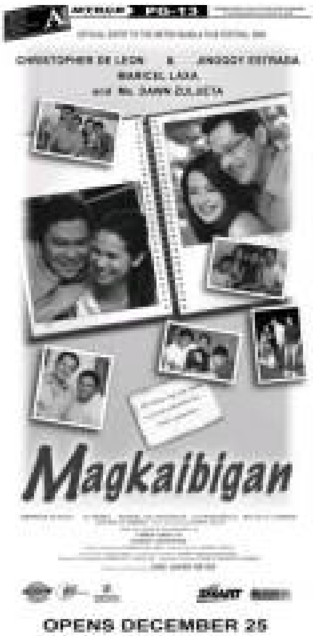
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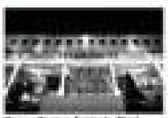
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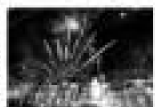




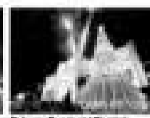
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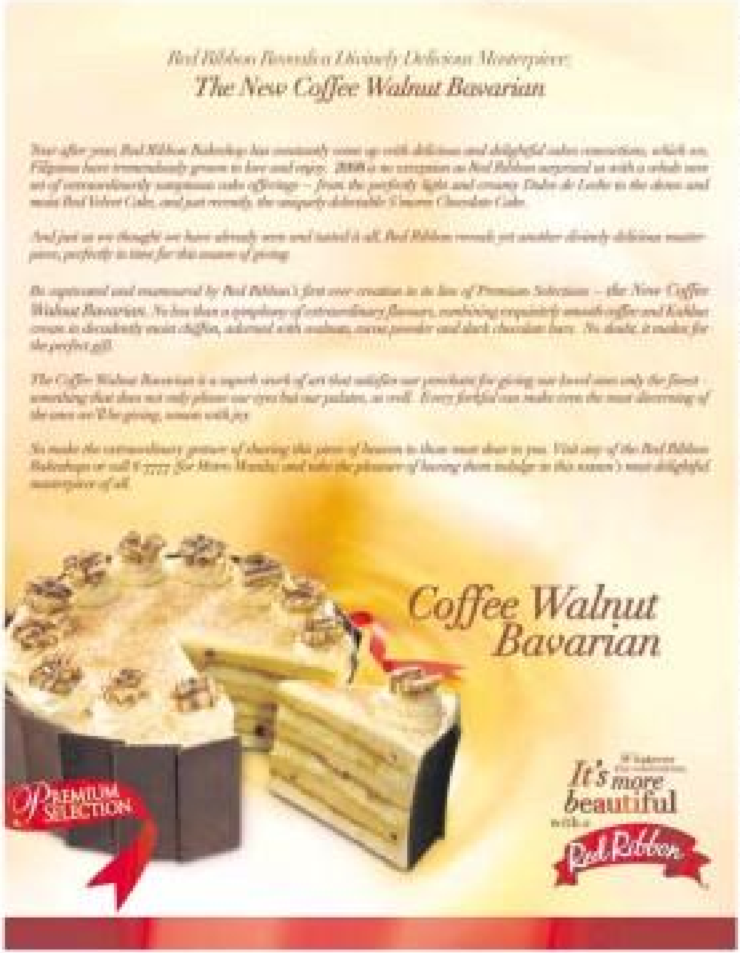
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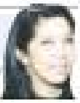


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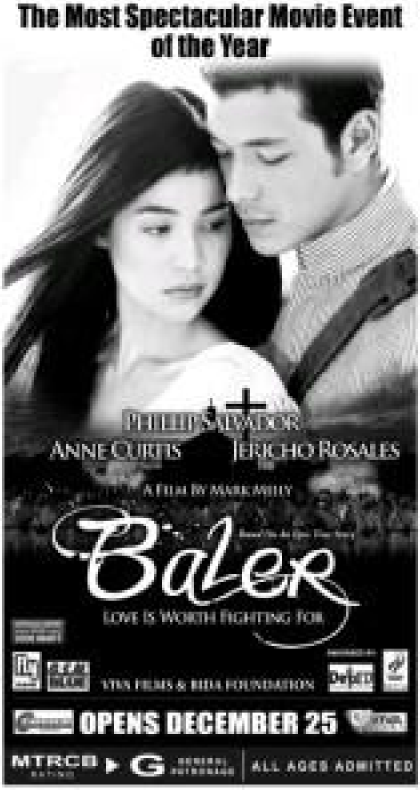


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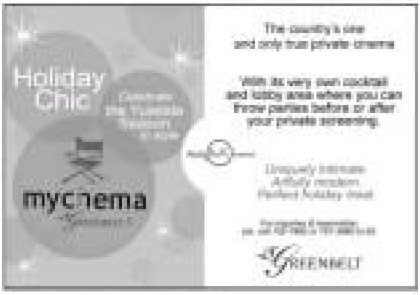


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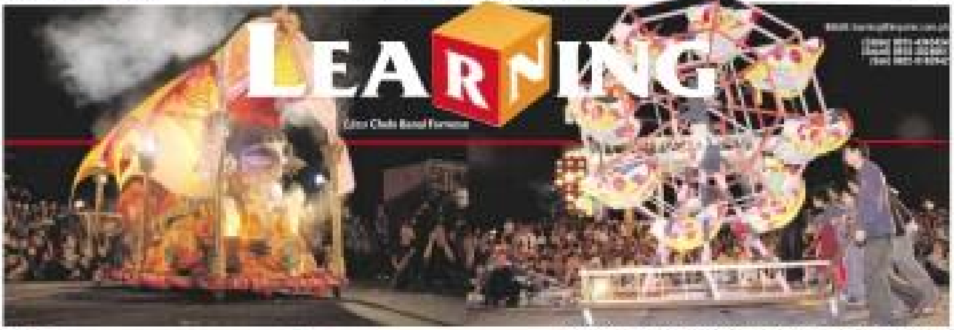
Take Five

Happy to be back in the movies



Take Five





HALL OF FAMER College of Fine Arts comes up with spectacular as ever lantern floats although no longer in the running for the award that it easily won in the past.

Not your ordinary Christmas lanterns

The traditional 'parol' procession capped the state university's centennial celebration

By Paris Aragon-Choudhury
Contributor

THE LANTERN PARADE, LIKE the Oblation Run, is a super popular, highly anticipated December tradition at the University of the Philippines. But while the Oblation Run requires the exclusive participation of male students in the buff, the Lantern Parade is non-discriminatory but no less spectacular.

With the theme "Bahaghari at Kapaligiran ng UP sa Lilikhing Piniy," this year's parade, a culminating activity for the university's centennial celebration, did not disappoint the overflowing crowd.

Starting at the administration building (Quezon Hall), teams from different colleges and organizations marched around the Academic Oval led by UP president Emerlinda Roman and Diliman chancellor Sergio Cao.

Aside from the 26 colleges of the Diliman campus and the different student organizations, other campuses of the UP System, like UP Manila and UP Open University, were represented.

The delegation from Los Baños carried a star made of straw and other indigenous materials. Pampanga, a province known for making the most decorative parol, held high a red lantern ablaze with 180 bulbs while UP Visayas carried lanterns of orange jellyfish, symbolic of its strong fisheries program. The Mindanao delegates, including a 7-year-old boy, the youngest marcher, were mostly in Maranao garb and carried their traditional lantern.

As the parade rounded Quezon Hall, the newly-restored Carillon chimed.

The UP Pep Squad performed some of the routines that won it the award for best cheering squad of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP).

Then 100 members of the UP Babaylan in striking white costumes and hats also danced to bring the message of gender equality for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders (LGBT).

Reproductive health advocates marched with the University Center for Women's Studies.

The College of Fine Arts students jumped, somersaulted, and acted out their Kamalad theme, showcasing once more the creativity and originality that had elevated them to the Hall of Fame of the annual lantern contest. There were jugglers, fire eaters, mimes—and Elvis. A fresh wheel filled with cartoon characters and roaming comics likewise delighted the audience. College professor Neneta Lava noted that Fine Arts students did think differently.

At 9 p.m. everyone paused to listen to Christmas carols by choirs from the colleges of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Law, and Engineering.

Home Economics won the best float prize. Architecture's won second and the Asian Institute of Tourism's was third.

The most creative lantern award went to the College of Mass Communication whose entry had television screens and other items of media—mostly found objects.



MEDIA paraphernalia found their way into the College of Mass Communication entry and to the most creative lantern award.



ISKOLAR ng Bayan call attention to their various causes with costumes and floats, like this one with the Oblation.



SARIMANOK from UP Mindanao



CIRQUE du Soleil 'Ito,' College of Fine Arts students and their lanterns adding fun and whimsy to the parade.



ENGINEERING students go green and win the most resourceful award.

New UP facilities celebrate Asian culture, heritage

By Jerry E. Esplanada

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Committed to excellence

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Culture of donating

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GROUNDBREAKING ceremony for the future UP-Toyota Asian Heritage House and UP-Toyota Asian Center Auditorium is graced by Cua, Angara, Roman, Ty, Ramos and Ito.



TRAINEES IN COMPUTER-ELECTRONICS GRADUATE

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STUDENTS of De La Salle Lipa's College of Business, Economics, Accountancy and Management

La Salle Lipa students sell holiday gifts in Entrep Corner

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Lyceum Batangas' business education gets recognition

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WINNING lesson plan for December will be published in January 2009 after the holiday school break.

Mini project reaps big rewards in Mindanao



AT THE NOTRE Dame Village Elementary School in Cotabato City, pupils need not go to the library if they want to read. The library has been brought to them.

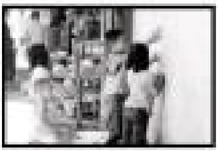
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Images of human rights, freedom from young photographers



"FREEDOM" as interpreted by UP's Kristine Angeli Sabillo

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EUREKA! *Queena N. Lee-Chua*



Eureka! Christmas puzzles winners and solutions

TWO DAYS AFTER THE PUZZLES WERE PUBLISHED LAST MONDAY, five readers already emerged as winners, out of 94 e-mailed entries from all over the country and abroad. After the fifth winning submission, the contest was then closed.

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Puzzle 1. Look at the three words: NAME, TENDER, DARLING. What two words will you combine to form a synonym for the remaining word? After combining, rearrange the letters of the two words.

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Puzzle 2. You are in a room filled with 100 percent propane gas. You strike a match. What do you think will happen and why?

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Puzzle No. 3: What action carried out by knights because of their armor still remains to this day, when nobody wears armor (except for actors in movies)?

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Puzzle 4: Five suspects, one of whom is guilty, are interrogated separately by the police. They have come up with the following statements. Only three of the statements are true. Who is guilty and why?

Ann said, "Donna did it."
Belinda said, "I was not the one who did it."
Christine said, "Emma is not guilty."
Donna said, "Ann is lying when she accused me."
Emma said, "Belinda is telling the truth."

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	Ann	Belinda	Christine	Donna	Emma
Ann said: "Donna did it."	False	False	False	True	False
Belinda said: "I was not the one who did it."	True	False	True	True	True
Christine said: "Emma is not guilty."	True	True	True	True	False
Donna said: "Ann is lying when she accused me."	True	True	True	True	True
Emma said: "Belinda is telling the truth."	True	False	True	True	True

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What I've learned

How to negotiate for peace in Mindanao



IN ANY PEACE NEGOTIATION, THERE ARE ELEMENTS that must be present without which no peace negotiation can succeed: Sincerity on both sides, credibility of the negotiators and strong political will on the part of the principals.

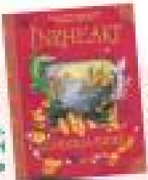
Backchanneling

Burden of responsibility

Stocking stuffers

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Eureka! Christmas...

Puzzle 5: Put four rectangular pieces on a table. One piece is 1 cm x 1 cm, the second piece is 2 cm x 1 cm, the third piece is 3 cm x 1 cm, and the fourth piece is 4 cm x 1 cm. Your task is to arrange them on the table so that they form a perfect square. How do you do this?

